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FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A COLORANT BY MEANS OF
IMPREGNATION WITH AN INORGANIC PIGMENT, THE COLORANT
THUS OBTAINED AND THE APPLICATION THEREOF IN THE
COLOURING OF CERAMIC MATERIALS**

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